

Changes in Registration Requirements for Pharmacy Technicians

Effective January 1, 2004, there will be changes to the licensure requirements for applicants seeking registration as pharmacy technician in California. These changes were made by SB 361 (Figueroa, Chapter 361, Statutes of 2003).

Specifically, changes in Business & Professions Code section 4202 (a) alter the qualifying methods an applicant must satisfy to become registered. To be issued a technician registration, an applicant must satisfy **one** of the following criteria:

- Obtain an associate's degree in pharmacy technology;
- Complete a course of training specified by the board;
- Be a graduate of a school of pharmacy accredited by the ACPE; or
- Be certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

Experience as a pharmacy clerk will no longer qualify an applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician.

Information on the PTCB examination can be obtained by contacting them directly at (202) 429-7576. Also, a list of community colleges offering the associate's degree in pharmacy technology may be obtained by visiting the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office website at www.cccco.edu.